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POSITIONS AND KEY POINTS TO BE USED AT THE CONFERENCE OF
NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (CNAD) OCTOBER 28-30, 1975
ARE AS FOLLOWS:

I. INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN. YOU SHOULD
NOTE REPORT OF CHAIRMAN ON ELEMENTS AFFECTING NATO COOPERA-
TION IN THE BROAD VIEW AND COMMENT AS APPROPRIATE. WE DO
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NOT ANTICIPATE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC ITEMS OF
EQUIPMENT UNDER THIS ITEM ALTHOUGH THE CHAIRMAN MAY REPORT
STATUS OF SOME ITEMS NOT DESIGNATED ON THE AGENDA.

II. STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EURONADS.

FOR USNATO: MISSION SHOULD REQUEST ADVANCE COPY OF STATEMENT, IF AVAILABLE, FROM NETHERLANDS DELEGATION.

FOR DR. CURRIE: YOU SHOULD NOTE REPORT AND COMMENT AS APPROPRIATE.

III. NEW INITIATIVES ON STANDARDIZATION. THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (AC/259-D/467) IS A BROAD SCOPE DOCUMENT WHICH SETS FORTH A SERIES OF PREPARATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE MAY 76 MINISTERIAL REVIEW OF NATO STANDARDIZATION AND ARMAMENTS PROCUREMENT MATTERS. IT ALSO CONTAINS THE SUGGESTION THAT CNAD WELCOME THE FORMATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE BY THE COUNCIL TO REINFORCE THESE PREPARATIONS (NATO PO/75/117). YOU SHOULD SUPPORT THE INITIATIVES OUTLINED IN THE REFERENCES, AND IN PARTICULAR THE PROPOSALS FOR FORMATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO DO NECESSARY GROUNDWORK IN PREPARATION FOR MINISTERIALS OF DEC 75 AND JUNE 76.

IV. LOGISTICS: A COHERENT APPROACH.

FOR USNATO: IF AVAILABLE REQUEST ADVANCE COPY OF DR. TUCKER'S REPORT FOR REVIEW BY DR. CURRIE AND DR. BENNETT ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 27.

IF APPROPRIATE, DR. BENNETT SHOULD SUMMARIZE THE RESULTS OF HIS RECENT NATO DISCUSSIONS ON LOGISTICS RATIONALIZATION AND THE WORK BEING DONE BY THE US ON NEW INITIATIVES.

V. AIR DEFENSE

(A) AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING

- (A) RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MINISTERS FOR EVENTUAL
- PROCUREMENT

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FOLLOWING REPORT BY THE HIGH LEVEL GROUP, YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING KEY POINTS: (1) THE NATO AWACS PROGRAM IS APPROACHING A CRITICAL MILESTONE, THE COMMITMENT BY MINISTERS TO THE LONG LEAD ITEM PROCUREMENT PHASE. WITHOUT STRONG NATO SUPPORT AND LONG LEAD FUNDING PARTICIPATION BY NATIONS, THE AWACS LINE MAY BE SHUT DOWN. (2) CERTAINLY WE RECOGNIZE THE DIFFICULTIES FACED BY MANY OF THE NATIONS IN MAKING FIRM FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS BY DECEMBER 75, BUT WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR STRONG SUPPORT TO INSURE THE CONTINUATION OF THE PROGRAM. (3) SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL THE US IS WILLING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDING DURING THE PERIOD DECEMBER 75 - FEBRUARY 76, IN SUPPORT OF A FAVORABLE MINISTERIAL DE-

CISION ON THE E-3A AWACS, TO INITIATE THE LONG LEAD TIME PROCUREMENT REQUIRED FOR THE UNITED STATES SHARE OF THE NATO AWACS AIRCRAFT. (4) I ASK THAT THE CNAD PREPARE A "SENSE OF THE CNAD" PAPER GIVING STRONG SUPPORT TO THE

NEED FOR A NATO AWACS SYSTEM AND I ALSO BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD ASK OUR MINISTERS TO PREPARE A SIMILAR "SENSE OF THE COUNCIL" PAPER.

-- (B) BROADER ISSUES FOR PRESENTATION TO MINISTERS

FOR USNATO: MISSION SHOULD ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ADVANCE COPY OF SHAPE STATEMENT ON IMPORTANCE OF THE E-3A SYSTEM ON THE FLANKS AND STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN ON PROGRESS TO DATE OF WG IV, AC/280 FOR REVIEW BY DR. CURRIE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 27.

(B) ADEQUATE IDENTIFICATION CAPABILITIES

-- (A) NEAR-TERM IDENTIFICATION ISSUES. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE UK AND DENMARK MOST OF OUR ALLIES ARE SWINGING TOWARD ADOPTION OF THE MARK XII EQUIPMENT. EVEN DENMARK WILL HAVE THIS CAPABILITY IN ITS IMPROVED HAWK SYSTEMS AND IN THE F16 FORCE. YOU SHOULD NOTE THE SUB-GROUP REPORT AND GIVE STRONG SUPPORT TO THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING ALLIANCE IDENTIFICATION CAPABILITIES IN THE NEAR TERM.

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-- (B, I AND II) NATO NEXT GENERATION/IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM AND REPORT BY PANEL VI. THE DRG PANEL VI RECOMMENDS ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATO PROJECT GROUP FOR NEXT GENERATION IFF. THE FRG PREFERS TO SET UP A TRI-SERVICE GROUP TO BE COMPLEMENTED BY A TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP UNDER THE CNAD. YOU SHOULD SUPPORT THE FRG PROPOSAL IF IT IS PRESENTED AND SHOULD THE MOMENT APPEAR APPROPRIATE YOU MIGHT ENCOURAGE THE UK TO CHAIR THE TRI-SERVICE GROUP. SHOULD THE FRG PROPOSAL BE ADOPTED, THE CHAIRMAN MAY SUGGEST THAT THE IFF TRI-SERVICE GROUP EVENTUALLY BECOME A TRI-SERVICE BODY UNDER THE AEGIS OF A PARENT TRI-SERVICE GROUP FORMED TO OVERSEE THE BROAD FIELD OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS. THE U.S. SHOULD SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL ALSO.

(C) SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES

-- (A) MEDIUM AND HIGH ALTITUDE. THE FRG AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TSGAD WILL REPORT ON COORDINATION OF RELEVANT STUDIES IN THIS AREA. FOR THE US AND THE FRG A MOU IS IN FINAL PHASES OF COORDINATION AND SHOULD BE SIGNED LATE THIS YEAR. THE TWO NATIONS ARE CONDUCTING A JOINT STUDY AT REDSTONE ARSENAL WITH CURRENT EFFORTS DIRECTED TOWARD

MILITARY FACTORS AND METHODOLOGY. THE STUDY SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 76 WITH FINDINGS AVAILABLE FOR THE CNAD IN APRIL 77. THE FRG WILL PROPOSE TO THE CNAD THAT THE AIR DEFENSE ORIENTED CNAD BE DEFERRED UNTIL SPRING, 1977. YOU SHOULD NOTE THE REPORT.

-- (B) SHORADS. OF ALL OF THE LIGHT AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS IN SERVICE, ROLAND II OFFERS THE BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR STANDARDIZATION WITH ITS ADOPTION BY THE FRENCH ARMY, THE FRG ARMY AND AIR FORCE, THE NORWEGIAN AIR FORCE AND THE US ARMY. BELGIUM, DENMARK, ITALY, AND THE NETHERLANDS HAVE ANNOUNCED INTENTIONS OF ADOPTING LIGHT AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS IN THE PERIOD OF 1978-82. THE CHAIRMAN MAY ENCOURAGE THESE NATIONS TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ROLAND IN THE INTERESTS OF STANDARDIZATION. YOU SHOULD SUPPORT THIS VIEW.

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VI. BATTLEFIELD SURVEILLANCE AND TARGET ACQUISITION

THE CHAIRMAN WILL EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR AN INTEGRATED OVERALL RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEM FOR NATO LAND FORCES, THE REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL EFFORTS IN AREAS OF INFORMATION PROCESSING AND TACTICAL DATA DISPLAY, AND THE NECESSITY FOR COMBINATION WITH AN APPROPRIATE COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM. YOU SHOULD SUPPORT THESE OBSERVATIONS AND YOU MAY ALSO ENCOURAGE OUR ALLIES TOWARD INCREASED INTERNATIONAL OBSERVANCE OF DEVELOPMENT TESTING IN THIS PARTICULAR FIELD. THE U.S. IS CONSIDERING CONDUCTING PART OF DEVELOPMENT TEST/OPERATIONAL TEST (DT/OT) I OR II ON SELECTED SYSTEMS IN THE EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT AND WILL WELCOME OBSERVERS SHOULD WE PURSUE THIS COURSE OF ACTION.

NEW ITEM: ELECTRONIC WARFARE - ECM/IRCM STUDY

THE UK AND THE FRG HAVE AGREED TO SUBMIT TO THE CNAD THE RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING FROM THE FOUR POWER ECM/IRCM STUDY. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE THAT THE ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS TAKE ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

I. AIRBORNE EW TEST/TRAINING FACILITY (AEW/TF)

(A) REQUEST THE FOUR POWER (US, UK, FRG AND FRANCE) EW/STUDY GROUP TO DEVELOP A DETAILED PLAN FOR A SATELLITE AEW/TF BY JULY 1, 1976 AND REPORT BACK TO THE CNAD.

(B) BECOME FULLY INFORMED ON THE REQUIREMENT FOR THIS FACILITY AND THE GROUND AND AIRBORNE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL BE NECESSARY FOR ITS OPERATION. PLEDGE YOUR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT TO INSURE THOROUGH AND PROMPT RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS ENTAILED. IN PARTICULAR, INVITE BELGIUM,

WITH ITS OPERATING BASE AT VOLGESANG (NEAR BITBURG AFB) IN THE FRG TO JOIN IN THE PROGRAM AND AGREE TO THE LOCATION THERE OF A SCORING THREAT RADAR.

(C) REQUEST THE NATIONAL DIRECTORS OF INSTALLATIONS AND LOGISTICS TO ASSIGN REPRESENTATIVES TO WORK WITH THE EW STUDY GROUP.

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II. POWER MANAGEMENT OF JAMMERS. THE CNAD SHOULD TASK THE NAFAG TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES IN THIS HIGHLY CRITICAL AREA.

III. EW FIELD TRIALS VS. SIDE-LOOKING AIRBORNE RADAR (SLARS). WORK WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE AIR FORCE AND ARMY COUNTERPARTS TO PLAN AND CONDUCT SLAR JAMMING TESTS.

AT THE OCTOBER 15, 1975 NAFAG MEETING, FRANCE AND ITALY INDICATED THEY MAY, IN THE NEAR FUTURE, OFFER SITES FOR A NATO AIRCREW ELECTRONIC WARFARE TACTICS FACILITY. THE NAFAG URGED THAT THESE OFFERS BE EXPEDITED.

YOU SHOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT THE EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS.

VII. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE FIVE MAIN GROUPS

(A) NOTE THE STATEMENTS OF THE FIVE CHAIRMEN AND COMMENT AS APPROPRIATE.

(B) SECOND GENERATION ANTI-SURFACE SHIP MISSILE (ASSM-II)

THE PROPOSED ASSM-II DOES NOT MEET STATED USN OBJECTIVES OF A 250-300 NAUTICAL MILE MISSILE, BUT IT DOES MEET THE EUROPEAN REQUIREMENTS, WITH OVER-THE-HORIZON (OTH) TARGETING BEING OF LESS CONCERN TO THEM THAN A QUICK-REACTION KILL IN RESTRICTED WATERS. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE UK, FRG AND FRANCE, THE US DESIRES THAT THE MISSILE DESIGN WILL BE MODULAR WHICH WILL PERMIT READY ADAPTATION TO DIFFERING NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. FOR US USE, THIS WOULD PERMIT ADAPTING ADVANCED US GUIDANCE SUBSYSTEMS TO THE BASIC EUROPEAN AIRFRAME. YOU SHOULD WELCOME EUROPEAN MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL LEAD ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATO ASSM-II.

FYI: AT A LATER TIME WE MAY REQUEST EUROPEAN SUPPORT FOR A US MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL LEAD IN A NATO SECOND GENERATION SHORT RANGE NAVAL AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM ALONG THE LINES OF THE US SHIPBOARD INTERMEDIATE RANGE COMBAT SYSTEM (SIRCS). THIS WILL BE QUID PRO QUO FOR OUR SUPPORT OF
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ASSM-II. END FYI.

(C) STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF NNAG ON ACTIONS REQUIRED BY THE CNAD.

THIS SERIES OF ACTIONS IS INTENDED TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON ESSENTIAL NATO NAVAL ACTIVITIES. YOU SHOULD NOTE THE REPORT AND SUPPORT THE PROPOSALS.

INSERT PREVIOUS DRAFT AGENDA ITEM: STANDARDIZATION OF NEW RIFLE, LIGHT AND MEDIUM INFANTRY SUPPORT WEAPONS AND THEIR AMMUNITION.

THE US HAS RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS FROM ALLIES ABOUT OUR INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO OUR LIGHT WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND THE NATO TEST AND EVALUATION SCHEDULE (REF B).

FOR USNATO: PLEASE PREPARE A LETTER TO NADREPS AND DR. TUCKER WHICH REFLECTS THE US RESPONSE AND INSURE DISTRIBUTION TO ALL DELEGATIONS PRIOR TO THE CNAD.

FOR DR. CURRIE: THE ALLIES MAY EXPRESS INTEREST IN THE US DECISION TAKEN SINCE THE LAST CNAD TO TERMINATE THE US 6.0 MM SAW PROGRAM, OR ADDRESS THE 4.32MM DEVELOPMENT. COMMENT AS APPROPRIATE.

(D) TANK MAIN ARMAMENT EVALUATION TRIALS

FOR USNATO: BECAUSE THE UK, FRG, AND THE US HAVE NOT REACHED A FULLY AGREED POSITION ON THIS MATTER, WE PREFER TO HAVE THE ITEM DELETED FROM THE AGENDA AND MAKE NO STATEMENT AT THIS TIME. PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION TO THE CHAIRMAN IN ADVANCE OF THE CNAD.

(E) LONG TERM SCIENTIFIC STUDY ON MILITARY FUELS

NOTE REPORTS BY THE DRG AND COMMENT AS APPROPRIATE.

VIII. ACTIVITIES OF THE NATO INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY GROUP

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NOTE THE STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NIAG AND COMMENT AS APPROPRIATE. YOU SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE CNAD TO HOLD TO

AN ANNUAL FUNDING LEVEL OF NOT MORE THAN 20 MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS. THIS WILL FOCUS THE ACTIVITIES OF SUB-GROUPS AND WILL LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PREFEASIBILITY STUDIES

WHICH THE CNAD AND NIAG MAY WISH TO IMPLEMENT. ACCORD-
INGLY, THE CNAD SHOULD BE VERY SELECTIVE IN AUTHORIZATION
OF NEW STUDIES.

IX. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. THE US HAS NO OTHER BUSINESS
TO BRING BEFORE THE CNAD.

X. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS. THE US WILL CONTINUE TO
SUPPORT MEETINGS IN THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND OCTOBER.

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